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REMARKS

Claims 2-16 are now pending in this application, with claim 2 being an independent claim. Claim 1 has been canceled, while claim 2 has been amended.

In The Claims

In the present official action, independent claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Crinion et al. (US Patent No. 6,181,699) in view of Denney et al (US PGPUB No. 20030061623).

Regarding independent claim 1, Applicants have canceled claim 1 rendering this rejection moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Regarding independent claim 2, Applicants have amended independent 2 and respectfully assert that this claim as now presented overcomes the cited references and that neither Crinion nor Denney, whether taken alone or in any reasonable combination teach, disclose or render obvious the present invention as now claimed. In particular, claim 2 has been amended to include the limitation of "a plurality of data link layer processors being coupled to operate in parallel...", support for which can at least be found in the specification on page 2, the Summary. As this limitation is not disclosed in Crinion or Denney, Applicants respectfully assert that claim 2 is patentable over the cited references.

Regarding the rejections of claims 3-16, as these claims depend either directly or indirectly from independent claim 2, and therefore incorporate all the limitations therein, for the reasons set forth above with respect to independent claim 2, Applicants respectfully assert that these claims are also patentable over the cited references.


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CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, the foregoing amendment places the Application in condition for allowance. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of the claims be withdrawn and full allowance granted. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, please contact the undersigned attorney at 512-306-8533.

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